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MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must **complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Blake Farenthold
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ or None ☒  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 01/11/2018 Return: 01/13/2018  
b. Dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_ or None ☒
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Las Vegas, NV Return city: Corpus Christi, TX
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Consumer Technology Association (CTA)
6. Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attended Policy Breakfast,  
Toured emerging tech exhibits, Attended Roundtable Lunch, (see attached)
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*):  
a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;  
b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;  
c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the Member or officer; **and**  
d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (*Signify that statement is true by checking box*): ☒ AS NOTED ON ATTACHED  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:

Blake Farenthold

DATE: 01/29/2018



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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. ***A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Consumer Technology Association (CTA)

2. Travel Destination(s): Las Vegas, Nevada

3. Date of Departure: 01/11/18 Date of Return: 01/13/2018

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Blake Farenthold

(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$779 + \$100 ground transportation	\$848.96	\$74	\$22.38 (Meal tax, gratuity and surcharges)
Accompanying Relative				

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment.

(Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Laura Hudson

Name: Laura Hudson, CMP Title: Sr. Manager, CES Projects

Organization: Consumer Technology Association

**I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):** ☒

Address: 1919 South Eads Street, Arlington, VA 22202

Telephone number: 703-907-7604 Email Address: lhudson@CTA.tech

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Randolph Blake Farenthold
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Consumer Technology Association (CTA)
3. Travel destination(s): Las Vegas, Nevada
4. a. Date of departure January 11, 2018 Date of return: January 13, 2018  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
Time and Travel Distance to Las Vegas
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.  
As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, the traveler is  
interested in the issues, especially intellectual property, which will be  
discussed at the annual trade show and conference.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☒ Yes ☐ No

10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**

**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 1/8/18

Blake Farenthold  
Signature of Employing Member

**U.S. House of Representatives  
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**PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
Consumer Technology Association (CTA)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☐ or
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☒If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_  
GBEF, Government Business Executive Forum
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Individuals are invited based on their participation in committees such as E&C, Judiciary. We believe each individual has an interest in the issues discussed at the annual trade show & conference.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. Date of departure: January 11, 2018 Date of return: January 13, 2018
7. a. City of departure: Washington DC Metro Area or home district  
b. Destination(s): Las Vegas, NV  
c. City of return: Washington DC Metro Area or Home District
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☐ or
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☒
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☐
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☒If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time and Travel Distance to Las Vegas

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or

b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

CTA (as the sponsor of CES) will be the primary financial and organizing sponsor of this trip and its interest is the CTA's annual trade show and conference, CES 2018 and CES Government. CTA issues the invitations, organizes the conference, and books the travel. GBEF has organized two of the panels at CES Government to be attended by congressional attendees during this trip.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☒ or

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☐

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Encore at Wynn Las Vegas City: Las Vegas Cost per night: \$379 +12% TAX

Reason(s) for selecting: Location of annual trade show and conference and ability to accommodate space needs

Hotel name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$700	\$379 x 2 (\$758)	\$208 +taxes +fees
For each accompanying relative	\$700 MOC Relatives Only		\$208+taxes/fees M

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$100	Transportation to/from Las Vegas airport
For each accompanying relative		

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ *or*  
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Laura Janae Hudson

Name: Laura Janae Hudson, CMP

Title: Senior Manager, CES Projects

Organization: Consumer Technology Association

Address: 1919 S. Eads Street Arlington, VA 22202

Telephone number: 703-907-7604

Email address: lhudson@cta.tech

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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**NON-GRANTMAKING TRIP SPONSOR FORM**

This form should be completed by a private individual or entity that provides funds, services, or in-kind donations to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. A Non-Grantmaking Sponsor that has a direct involvement in planning, organizing, conducting, or participating in the trip must complete this form. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Name of your organization: GBEF: Government Business Executive Forum
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: CTA: Consumer Technology Association
3. My organization has provided funds to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor to pay all or part of the expenses for a trip to (destination) Las Vegas, NV  
on (date) January 12, 2018 that primarily is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. ☐ Yes ☒ No
4. My organization has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, arranging, or will have a role in conducting, the trip identified in response to Question 3 or an event that will occur during that trip.  
☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Check one:
  - a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
  - b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
6. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☐
7. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: Mary Shea Sutherland Title: Director of Events

Organization: Government Business Executive Forum

Address: 8000 Towers Crescent Drive Vienna VA 22182

Telephone number: 804.398.8927

Email Address: maryshea@cesgovernment.com

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The Honorable Blake Farenthold  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, scheduled for January 11 to 13, 2018, sponsored by the Consumer Technology Association (CTA) and the Government Business Executive Forum (GBEF). We remind you that, because CTA employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

Committee travel regulations require that you submit your complete pre-trip approval request to the Committee at least 30 days before the commencement of the trip or it will not be granted. Despite your failure to do so in this instance, we are approving your current request. However, any future requests should adhere to the 30-day requirement.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

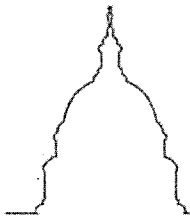
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Susan W. Brooks  
Chairwoman

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Theodore E. Deutch  
Ranking Member

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**2018**  
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**GBEF** presents  
GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ECONOMIC FORUM

**CES** GOVERNMENT  
2018

**Friday, January 12, 2018**

8:30-9:30 AM

**Tech Policy breakfast discussion with federal and state lawmakers**

*Encore at Wynn, Chopin 3*

Federal and State level lawmakers join together to discuss the challenges with the changing tech landscape in their states. They will discuss how ride-sharing, autonomous vehicles, home sharing and more are changing the policies in their states.

*Attended*

9:30 AM-12:30 PM

**Show floor tour and demonstrations – Tech East & Tech West**

*Departs following breakfast from Encore, Chopin 2*

CTA's show floor tours and demonstrations offer legislators an up-close-and-personal look at the dynamic consumer technology industry. CTA selects a few exhibitors from several categories and provide tours of their booths. In 2017, several of these categories included vehicle technologies, augmented and virtual reality, drones, biometrics, smart home accessories and robotics. The aim of these tours is to teach the Members of Congress and their staff about the new products that contribute to our dynamic industry, as well as to provide information and insight to assist them in evaluating federal policies that affect the consumer technology industry.

*Attended*

12:30-2 PM

**Roundtable lunch: Tech in Job Creation & Economic Growth**

*LVCC, North Hall, N252*

CTA's Innovation Scorecard tracks policies on state job creation, economic growth and entrepreneurship. Results have shown that light regulatory framework, favorable tax policies and increased undergraduate STEM degrees attract investment and launch businesses. Policymakers discuss deploying these best practices in their home states.

*Attended*

2:30-3:15 PM

**CES Government: The Digital Transformation of Transportation:**

Globally recognized experts to discuss global modernization of commercial air, land and sea ports and infrastructure. Panel participants include UIC President Jean-Pierre Lubinoux, Port of Virginia Sr. VP Rich

*Toured Emerging innovative Technologies Exhibit at CES*

Ceci, National Highway and Safety Administration Associate  
Administrator for R&D Nat Bueuse, and Splunk CEO Doug Merritt  
*Park MGM*

3:30-4:30 PM

**CES Government: Legislative Outlook for Tech in 2018**

*Park MGM*

Hear members of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress preview the tech and innovation  
agenda for 2018 and discuss what tech can expect in the current political  
landscape.

*Did not Attend*

5-6:30 PM

Evening Reception

*Park MGM*